



West Virginia National Guard  
Public Affairs Office  
1703 Coonskin Drive  
Charleston, WV 25311



---

## **PRESS RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Release No. 19-84  
Sept. 3, 2019

WV National Guard  
Public Affairs Office  
(304) 561-6762

### **West Virginia Adjutant General's update on RISE West Virginia**

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - Last week, construction crews completed two final inspections on two mobile home unit projects in Greenbrier and Nicholas Counties, bringing the total number of completed homes in the RISE West Virginia program to 61.

Progress on 53 other homes that are in active construction continue to move forward in the construction process. Of the 53 homes in construction, 15 are mobile home replacements, 21 are reconstruction projects, two are rehabilitation projects and 15 are in demolition.

West Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) continued their work on one home in Kanawha County this week and broke ground on another in Nicholas County. Two additional rehabilitation projects are also underway and they have issued 17 notices to proceed for six rehabilitation and 11 reconstruction projects. VOAD plans to have five projects under construction at all times, if possible.

Currently, there are 397 active cases covered under the RISE West Virginia Program. The current breakdown by construction type is as follows: 61 homes are complete, 250 cases require total reconstruction, 38 cases require some form of rehabilitation actions, 104 cases require new mobile home replacement, and 1 case is awaiting initial project type and undergoing the damage assessment process.

Of the total 397 active cases, 314 have been awarded to a construction contractor or sub-recipient, 42 are currently out for bid undergoing the required West Virginia state procurement

process, and 41 are awaiting a Request for Quotation (RFQ), or are being analyzed via the case management process by VOAD.

Crews continue to work on one bridge this week and recently completed their sixth and seventh bridges. There are 66 others in the case management process at this time.

Currently, 20 projects are in the asbestos inspection and abatement phase for the Slum and Blight Program. There are an additional 210 projects currently in the Slum and Blight program and 213 projects are ready for the environmental review process. An additional 64 projects are in the case management process pipeline for removal that are considered an “imminent threat” from the county or municipality, meaning those properties pose a threat to the health and safety of the public. These projects will move from the “imminent threat” phase to the environmental review process before demolition can begin. The Slum and Blight program is still accepting applications in all counties affected by the 2016 flood.

Any families who feel they still have any unmet needs or who are looking for an update on their case are urged to contact the new VOAD office over the phone at 304-553-0927 or through email at DisasterRecovery@wv.gov. A hotline is also available for anyone needing to report fraud with regard to the RISE West Virginia program at 1-866-WVWATCH (1-866-989-2824).

###

For more information, contact the West Virginia National Guard Public Affairs Office at: (304) 561-6762 or email: [holli.r.nelson.mil@mail.mil](mailto:holli.r.nelson.mil@mail.mil)

West Virginia National Guard Facebook – [www.facebook.com/WV.NationalGuard](https://www.facebook.com/WV.NationalGuard)

West Virginia National Guard Instagram – [www.instagram.com/wv\\_nationalguard](https://www.instagram.com/wv_nationalguard)

West Virginia National Guard Twitter – [www.twitter.com/wvnationalguard](https://www.twitter.com/wvnationalguard)

West Virginia National Guard DVIDS – [www.dvidshub.net/units/wv-ang](https://www.dvidshub.net/units/wv-ang)